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To George the Second, King of Great-Britain, &c.

The humble Address

By Friends Socy. Of the People call'd Quakers.

Gracious Sovereign,

IT having pleas'd Almighty God, in whose Hand is the Breath of the greatest Monarch, to remove by Death our late gracious King thy Royal Father, an Affliction in which we thy dutiful Subjects deeply share, as sensible that his Reign was one continued Blessing to all his People, and in which we enjoy'd not only the Indulgences granted us in the Reigns of his Royal Predecessors, but also fresh Marks of his own Clemency and Goodness; we have therefore great and just Cause to condole the Loss of a Prince so gracious and beneficent. But when we consider that the merciful Hand of Divine Providence hath placed peaceably on the Throne a Son, the Successor of his Royal Virtues, (the Earnest whereof we beheld with Pleasure during the short Experience of thy prudent Administration when Regent) it is Cause sufficient to abate our Grief and assuage our Sorrow: And the Hopes we then conceiv'd are fully confirm'd by thy gracious Declaration from the Throne, to make all thy Subjects happy and secure in the full Enjoyment of their Religions and Civil Rights.

Wherefore, Great Prince, we, tho' a small part of thy dutiful Subjects, humbly beg leave to approach thy Royal Presence with sincere and hearty Congratulations on thy ascending the British Throne in perfect Tranquility, and to declare our entire Affection and dutiful Obedience to thy Royal Person and Government, as our Christian and peaceable Principle enjoyns. And we greatly hope thy Hand will be the happy Instrument to finish that good Work, begun by thy Royal Father, of calming and composing the Differences of Europe, and preventing the Calamities of War which were so lately threaten'd.

We also humbly beg leave to express the joyful Sense impress'd upon our Minds of the Princely Virtues of our gracious Queen thy Royal Consort, and of the pleasing Prospect of your numerous and hopeful Issue, who whilst they are shining and illustrious Ornaments around the Throne, are valuable Pledges of the future Peace and Security of these Kingdoms.

May the Almighty and Allwise God, shower down on thy Royal Head and Family His Divine as well as Temporal Blessings. May He by His Wisdom guide thee in thy Counsels, to the promoting of Religion and Virtue, the Support of the Protestant Cause in general, and the Good of all thy Subjects. And may the Weight and Care usually annexed to a Crown, be lighten'd and made easy by the chearful Obedience of a great and free People.

Sign'd in Behalf of the said People, London, the 11th of the 5th Month called July, 1727
To which Address his Majesty was pleas'd to give the following most gracious Answer.

THIS dutiful and loyal Address is very acceptable to Me, and you may depend upon My Protection.

They afterwards waited on the Queen, and Mr. John Eccleston made the Speech.

May it please our Gracious Queen.

AS we have been Favour'd with the Liberty of Access to our gracious King, to Condole the Death of his Royal Father, to Congratulate his Accession to the British Throne, and to tender the Assurances of our Affection and Fidelity to his Royal Person and Government: We beg leave with great DefERENCE humbly to approach thy Royal Presence on the same solemn Occasions, which we now do with all the Affection and Regard due from dutiful and obedient Subjects.

Gracious Queen,

May thy Enjoyment of the Royal Dignity be long and happy, and may our present gracious King long possess the British Throne in Peace, till Future Time and Maturity of Years shall transfer it in Safety to your Royal and hopeful Offspring, form'd and nurtur'd for Government by thy Virtuous Care to be fit Example to future Princes, a Blessing to late Posterity, and the effectual Security under Divine Providence, of our present happy Constitution.

To which Her Majesty was pleas'd to give a very gracious Answer.